# **Successful Vegetable Gardening: Growing Year Round in Santa Clara County**

### Books/ebooks

- California Master Gardener Handbook
- Pests of the Garden and Small Farm
- Natural Enemies Handbook
- Abiotic Disorders of Landscape Plants

## **Handy Links**

#### **Resources for Santa Clara County Residents**

- Garden help
- Help desk
- Events calendar
- Tips & events

Find your local Master Gardener program

#### Vegetable Garden Planning

- Vegetable gardening basics
- Vegetable planting chart
- Crop-by-crop information and variety selection
- Container gardening
- Myth of gravel in containers for drainage
- Herbs

#### Soils

- Soil care
- Soil testing labs
- Home composting
- Sheet mulching (CNPS)
- Weed management in the landscape

## Seeds & Seedlings

- Optimal soil temperatures for vegetable seed germination
- Seed storage
- Why to not start seeds in compost

#### Water & Mulch

- Mulches & problems to look out for
- Watering in-ground vegetable beds
- Watering vegetables in containers
- Installing drip irrigation at a hose bib (video)
- Drip system components
- Smart controller rebates through Santa Clara Valley Water District
- Conserving water in the garden
- Drought gardening tips

#### **Managing Pests & Attracting Beneficial Insects**

- Integrated Pest Management
- Natural enemies video
- For specific pests, start with the <u>Quick Tips index</u>

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